



United Way
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UNITED WAY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA (UWNBC) – COMMUNITY IMPACT IN FORT NELSON

As part of UWNBC community development work, community issues are identified through research and consultation for UWNBC’s 3 pillars: **Successful Kids/Empowered Families, Involved Seniors** and **Healthy Citizens and Safe, Supportive Communities**.

The Fort Nelson issues identified can be summarized as:

Successful Kids/ Empowered Families	Involved Seniors	Healthy Citizens and Safe, Supportive Communities
Lack of Social / Recreational activities for teens.	Need more affordable supports to help seniors live independently (i.e. house cleaning, home maintenance, etc.)	Need to develop a wheelchair / disability friendly environment
Need for more programs to deal with a wide range of parenting issues		Need to enhance snow removal / ice maintenance
For more information please visit: www.unitedwaynbc.ca/Documents/Success By 6 2010 2011.pdf		Need more victim support and prevention programs
		Need more supports for those recovering from addictions (i.e. follow up plans, travel support, etc.)

Listed below are current community development, organizational capacity enhancements and community investments that begin to address the community issues identified above. With your support UWNBC will continue to assess needs and invest for change.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- **Community Impact and Investment Committee (CIIC)** – As part of the ongoing work to strengthen the impact UWNBC investments have across northern BC, a Community Impact and Investment Committee (CIIC) is currently being formed in Fort Nelson. Made up of community leaders, donors and citizens - the results of their community engagement can be seen in the community impact investment listed below.
- **Northern Rockies Social Planning Council** – UWNBC is working with the Northern Rockies Social Planning Council to achieve their mission of working to identify and resolve social issues and build a healthy, desirable community where all its members can reach their full potential.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT INVESTMENTS NORTHERN BC CITIZENS RECEIVED SERVICE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	ORGANIZATION	FORT NELSON	NORTHERN REGION
PEER PROGRAMMING	BC Paraplegic Association 1-800-689-2477	1 persons	121 persons
INFORMATION SERVICES			395 persons
REHABILITATION SERVICES	cnib 250-563-1702	8 persons	863 persons
CRISIS PREVENTION, INTERVENTION & INFORMATION	Crisis Centre for Northern BC 250-564-5736	356 persons	6831 persons
LEGAL ASSISTANCE	Active Support Against Poverty 250-563-6112	2 persons	
CHILDREN WHO WITNESS ABUSE	Amata Transition House Society 250-992-7321		12 staff were provided training
MEMBER SERVICES SUPPORT PROGRAM	Positive Living North 250-562-1172	38 contacts made	

COMMUNITY IMPACT INVESTMENTS - JULY 1ST 2011 TO JUNE 30TH 2012

- **BC Paraplegic Association** - The mission of the BC Paraplegic Association is to help people with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities achieve independence, self-reliance and full community participation. For further information call 1-800-689-2477 or visit www.bcpara.org.

The BCPA **Peer Program** hosts social groups, special events and educational sessions that give people with spinal cord injuries, their family members and their friends the opportunity to connect with others in similar situations, to try new activities that they may not have thought possible because of their injury and to continue learning about living with an injury.

Information Services, comprised of a Provincial InfoLine (1-800-689-2477), a dynamic website (www.bcpara.org) and a comprehensive SCI Information Database, helps people access vital information on issues related to living with a spinal cord injury, such as accessible housing, government benefits, employment opportunities and recreation options.

- **cnib** - Provides community-based support, knowledge and a national voice to ensure blind and partially sighted Canadians have the confidence, skills and opportunities to fully participate in life. For further information call (250) 563-1702 or visit www.cnib.ca.

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Rehabilitation Services include: Orientation and Mobility, Independent Living Skills, Career and Employment and Low Vision Services. People who are coping with vision loss receive peer support from trained volunteers and referrals as needed to health professionals, information on obtaining a CNIB ID card, training from service staff to help them remain independent or maintain employment and access to the free CNIB library service.

- **Crisis Prevention, Intervention & Information Centre for Northern BC** - Operates a Crisis line, youth support line and online youth chat room and provides community education workshops and information on community resources. They provide crisis intervention, suicide prevention, resource information, education and confidential peer support for the people of Northern BC. For further information call (250) 564-5736 or visit www.northernbccrisissuicide.ca
- **Active Support Against Poverty** - A self-help, volunteer based agency which acts as guides for the empowerment, education, and self-determination of the financially poor. For further information call (250) 563-6112.

Services provided are wide ranging and can be divided into two separate streams: General and Legal. General services reflect clients accessing phone, fax, message, income tax, clothing etc.; Legal services reflect clients accessing legal services that include: information and referral, summary advice and full representation.

- **Amata Transition House Society** – The Amata Transition House is a non-profit feminist based society dedicated to ending all forms of violence against women and children. For more information call 250-992-7321 or visit www.amata.ca

Amata is hosting a training session for Northern BC staff of transition homes in support of **Children Who Witness Abuse** (CWWA) programs. CWWA is an intervention and prevention based program that addresses the needs of children and youth between the ages of 3 and 18 who have been exposed to abuse.

- **Positive Living North** - Provides culturally-appropriate care and support for people living with HIV/HCV, their families, and their significant communities; PLN also provides education and prevention information to the community at large. For further information call (250) 562-1172 or visit www.positivelivingnorth.ca

The **Member Services Support Program** supports a Peer Support Worker in providing informal counseling and modeling of healthy choices and lifestyles to others at risk of getting or currently living with HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis C, the ability to network locally, provincially and federally, advocate on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis C and develop and initiate Member Services programming.

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